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TALKS

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1. SUMMARY: LIMITED JAPANESE PRESS COMMENT ON UPCOMING TALKS
CONTAINS LITTLE NEW ASIDE FROM SPECULATION U.S. SIDE WILL
LINK TALKS TO OUR BILATERAL TRADE IMBALANCES TO DEFEND
ALLEGED SUPERIOR U.S. POSITION. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESS COMMENT IN WEEK BEFORE TALKS HAS BEEN CARRIED ONLY
BY NIHON KEIZAI. IN STRAIGHT-FORWARD, LENGTHY PAGE 2
MARCH 18 EDITORIAL, NEWSPAPER CALLS FOR A "DRASTIC
REVISION" OF THE AGREEMENT "CONCLUDED UNDER THE SPECIAL
CIRCUMSTANCES" EXISTING AFTER WORLD WAR II AND STATES THAT
THE "FOCAL POINT" OF THE TALKS IS THE "EQUALIZATION
OF COMPETITION CONDITIONS", I.E., NEED FOR MIRROR RECI-
PROCITY, GREATER BEYOND RIGHTS AND CONTROL OF OVER-
CAPACITY. EDITORIAL CLAIMS THE TIME IS RIPE FOR
"THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW AND RATIONAL AVIATION
ORDER, WHICH IS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE TRENDS OF THE
WORLD," AND PROMISES THAT "THE REALIZATION OF TRUE
EQUALITY IN OPPORTUNITIES BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES WILL
DEEPEN FRIENDSHIP AND GOODWILL BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE
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U.S." EDITORIAL ALSO CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA
TO EXPRESS A SERIOUS INTEREST IN AVIATION PROBLEM TO
PRESIDENT CARTER DURING THEIR TALKS.

3. MORE FIERY, BIASED MARCH 14 ARTICLE FORECASTS
TOUGH STAND BY U.S. AND SPECULATES THAT WE WILL LINK
THE AVIATION PROBLEM TO THE GENERAL IMBALANCE OF

TRADE ISSUE (THUS DEFENDING OUR SUPPOSEDLY SUPERIOR AVIATION POSITION) AND THAT U.S. WILL ALSO APPLY PRESSURE ON JAPANESE AT CARTER/FUKUDA SUMMIT TALKS. ARTICLE ENCOURAGES JAPAN/BRITISH AND JAPAN/ITALIAN COOPERATION ON ISSUE AND PROMISES THAT GOJ WILL NOT HESITATE TO ABROGATE THE TREATY, IF NECESSARY, SINCE IT EXPIRES ON MAY 14 ANYWAY. (SIC.)

4. COMMENT: WE ATTRIBUTE LIMITED COVERAGE TO FACT THAT TALKS ARE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON RATHER THAN HERE. AS IS OFTEN TYPICAL OF JAPANESE PRESS, EDITORIAL SETS FORTH JAPANESE POSITION IN FACTUAL WELL-WRITTEN MANNER. ARTICLE BORDERS ON PROPAGANDA, CONTAINS MUCH "CREATIVE" WRITING AND FACTUAL INACCURACIES, I.E., SUCH AS TREATY EXPIRING MAY 14. FULL TRANSLATIONS POUCHED TO EB/OA/ON. BUTTON

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